AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present application claims priority under 35_U.S.C. § 119 to Japanese Patent Applications Nos. 2000-336766, 2001-50087 and 2001-307115, filed November 2, 2000, February 26, 2001 and October 3, 2001, respectively, entitled "Fuel Tank Connector". The contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. In addition, this is a continuation of Application No. 09/984,450 filed October 30, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,733,048; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.